

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1243

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to recognize A. Edward Headlee on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those superlative educators who provide stalwart leadership within their respective school systems and who give unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, Edward Headlee is one such extraordinary educator who has served with diligence and dexterity for thirty-four years as the Director of Schools for the Loudon County Board of Education; he will soon take a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Schools since 1974, Mr. Headlee has the singular distinction of being the longest sitting county superintendent or director of schools in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Edward Headlee received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education, his Master of English Education degree, and completed his post graduate studies in administration and supervision, all at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Loudon County have recognized and appreciated Mr. Headlee's excellence as an educator and role model for young people since his tenure as a teacher at Loudon High School, a position he held prior to his becoming Director of Schools; and

WHEREAS, Edward Headlee is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates his teachers, administration, and staff to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, throughout his stellar career, Mr. Headlee has valiantly served his country through his honorable service in the United States Army, the Tennessee Army National Guard, and the Army reserves; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Headlee is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, of which he is a charter member; the American Association of School Administrators; the Superintendent's Study Council, for which he stood as State Chairman from 2000-2002 and as East Tennessee District Chairman from 1983-2000; Tennessee Geographic Alliance Board; the East Tennessee Historical Society; and the UT College of Education Health and Human Sciences Board of Visitors; and

WHEREAS, Edward Headlee also volunteers his time to the Loudon County Community Bank Board, the Loudon Lion's Club, for which he was served as the local President and the District 12-N Governor, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Reserve Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Headlee is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish him and he is tremendously admired by students, faculty members, and school administrators; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and a friend, Mr. Headlee is the perfect example of a person wholly committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to A. Edward Headlee our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.